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Community Ambushes, Neutralizes Over 100 Armed Bandits In Niger



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MINNA – Barely 48 hours after the killing of the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Nasko in Magama Local Government Area, Umar Dakingari, by armed bandits, communities in Bangi, Mariga Local Government has ambushed and neutralised over 100 armed bandits escaping after the attack.

The DPO, who was in charge of Kpakungu before his transfer about two years ago, two other policemen and four members of the local vigilante lost their lives during a fierce gun duel with the armed bandits whose mission is said to be specific to get the DPO out of their way.

DAILY INDEPENDENT findings indicated that the criminals numbering over a hundred had planned to attack some communities along their escape routes in Mariga Local Government but came under stiff resistance.

The communities, according to a source from the area gathered detailed information on the planned attack and in collaboration with the police and other security apparatus along the Bangi escape routes mobilised for a show-down.

Their siege by the affected communities who have suffered several attacks in the past paid off. The armed bandits came face-to-face with the combined forces who engaged them in a fierce battle on Wednesday, a day after the Nasko attack.

The source also told DAILY INDEPENDENT correspondent how the criminals were about launching an attack on some Bangi communities but the people responded fiercely and succeeded in neutralizing the invaders and thereafter went into wild jubilation to celebrate the feat.

Several motorcycles were also recovered from them.

The Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), Niger state command, DSP Wasiu A. Abiodun, could not comment on the feat at the time of filing the report as efforts to reach him failed to yield desired results.



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